

Claims

1. A skin for use with a handheld electronic device comprising:  
a decorative layer;  
an anti-slip layer adhered over the decorative layer, the anti-slip layer having a surface finish having a high coefficient of friction; and  
an adhesive layer disposed between the decorative layer and the handheld electronic device for adhering the skin to the handheld electronic device;  
wherein the skin is selectively shaped to conform to the contours, shape, and components of the handheld electronic device.
2. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the combined thickness of the decorative layer and the anti-slip layer is less than about 0.5 millimeters.
3. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the decorative layer and the anti-slip layer are transparent.
4. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the decorative layer includes a graphical image that is visible through the anti-slip layer.
5. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the surface finish is smooth.
6. The skin according to Claim 5, wherein the surface finish is a matte finish.
7. The skin according to Claim 5, wherein the surface finish is a glossy finish.
8. The skin according to Claim 5, wherein the surface finish is a suede finish.
9. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the surface finish is non-smooth.
10. The skin according to Claim 9, wherein the surface finish includes upraised members.

11. The skin according to Claim 9, wherein the surface finish includes inwardly depressed members.
12. The skin according to Claim 9, wherein the surface finish includes a combination of upraised members and depressed members.
13. The skin according to Claim 9, wherein the surface finish includes at least two of the following features:
  - (a) upraised bumps;
  - (b) depressed bumps;
  - (c) upraised ridges;
  - (d) depressed ridges; and
  - (e) void spaces.
14. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the decorative layer is printed label stock.
15. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-slip layer is formed of a compressible material such that the anti-slip layer provides shock absorption.
16. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-slip layer is polarized such that an image on the decorative layer changes when viewed from different angles.
17. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-slip layer is formed from liquid silicone resin.
18. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-slip layer is formed from thermoplastic rubber.
19. The skin according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-slip layer is formed from cured elastomeric film.

20. A skin for use with a handheld electronic device comprising:  
a first portion;  
at least one additional portion;  
wherein the first portion and each additional portion comprise:  
a decorative layer;  
an anti-slip layer adhered over the decorative layer, the anti-slip layer having a surface finish having a high coefficient of friction; and  
an adhesive layer disposed between the decorative layer and the handheld electronic device for adhering the skin to the handheld electronic device;  
wherein the first portion and each additional portion are selectively shaped to conform to the contours, shape, and components of the handheld electronic device.
21. The skin according to Claim 20, wherein the first portion and the second portion are adapted to be separated from each other prior to attachment to the handheld electronic device.
22. The skin according to Claim 20, wherein at least the first portion or one of the additional portions is less than about 0.5 millimeters thick.
23. The skin according to Claim 20, wherein either the first portion or one of the additional portions is formed from liquid silicone resin.
24. The skin according to Claim 20, wherein either the first portion or one of the additional portions is formed from thermoplastic rubber.
25. The skin according to Claim 20, wherein either the first portion or one of the additional portions is formed from a cured elastomeric film.
26. A method of preventing a handheld electronic device from slipping comprising the steps of:  
forming a decorative layer from a label stock;  
forming an anti-slip layer from an anti-slip material;

forming an anti-slip skin by bonding the decorative layer and the anti-slip layer together; and

adhering the anti-slip skin to the handheld electronic device.

27. The method according to Claim 26, wherein the anti-slip skin is transparent.
28. The method according to Claim 26, wherein the decorative layer includes visual indicia that is visible through the anti-slip layer.
29. The method according to Claim 26, wherein the anti-slip layer is formed from liquid silicone resin.
30. The method according to Claim 26, wherein either the anti-slip layer is formed from thermoplastic rubber.
31. The method according to Claim 26, wherein either the anti-slip layer is formed from a cured elastomeric film.